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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Ho Young CHOI et al. :
Serial No.: 09/514,250 : Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: February 28, 2000 : Examiner: A. Chang
For: PROJECTION LENS SYSTEM :

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of February 9, 2001 wherein restriction has been required, the period for response having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby elect Species I (claims 1-14), with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

Claim 1 is a generic claim. If claim 1 is found to be allowable, Applicants request the non-elected claims be rejoined for consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP

§803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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